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SUBJECT:FULLY ARMORED AUTOMOBILE FOR AMEMBASSY, LISBON

FRANKFURT FOR RSS

REF: (1) LISBON 1630; (2) LISBON 1691; (3) LISBON 1721
AND RELATED

1. REFERENCED TELEGRAMS ONE AND TWO CONVEY INFORMATION
OF ALLEGED PLOT TO KIDNAP OR ASSASSINATE AMBASSADOR DURING
EASTER PERIOD AND REQUEST FOR FULLY ARMORED SECURITY
VEHICLE WITH MT 76 RADIO, RESPECTIVELY.

2. A NEW FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE, AT LOS ANGELES, WILL BE
INSPECTED 31 MARCH. IF IT MEETS SPECS, SPACE HAS BEEN
RESERVED FOR TRANSPORT BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT TO NEWARK,
N.J., 3 APRIL AND FROM DOVER (N.J.) AIR FORCE BASE TO
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TORREJON, SPAIN VIA USAF APRIL 4.

3. ARMORED VEHICLE IS 1974 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER; SERIAL NO. (ON WINDSHIELD) CS41T4C194418 OR CS41T4C194419. IT IS NOT RADIO EQUIPPED. LISBON CAN SWITCH EQUIPMENT FROM OTHER VEHICLE AT POST.

4. DETAILED SHIPPING INFO FROM DOVER AFB WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

5. EMBASSY LISBON IS REQUESTED TO COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY SPAIN ACCEPTANCE OF VEHICLE AT TORREJON AND EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY TO LISBON.

6. VEHICLE DOES NOT HAVE LICENSE PLATES AND WILL NEED SERVICING (GAS, OIL, ETC.) AT TORREJON. EMBASSY SPAIN AND LISBON ARE REQUESTED TO COORDINATE AND ARRANGE FOR PLATES, CUSTOMS, BORDER CROSSING AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE FORMALITIES AS NECESSARY.

7. REF. 3 ADVISED DEPT., THAT LEXAN FOR PARTIALLY ARMORED VEHICLE FOR LISBON, AIR FREIGHTED VIA LONDON, HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT LISBON. TRACER ACTION, AS REQUESTED, HAS BEEN INITIATED BY DEPARTMENT.

8. SEABEE, SWCS WALKER, IS INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN AT POST FOR INSTALLATION OF LEXAN AND TO CHECK OUT CONDITION OF FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE AT LISBON AND/OR ASSIST IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE AT TORREJON AND ONWARD TRANSPORT TO EMBASSY, LISBON AS REQUESTED BY EMBASSY, LISBON. KISSINGER

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